

SEVEN REASONS I WILL NOT BE JOINING THE KITE FLYING GROUP

I don't have a kite

Not many people do, but fortunately the group have well over a hundred different kites to suit all levels of ability and experience. Members of the kite group are welcome to fly any and indeed, all of the kites in the collection.

I don't know how to fly a kite

We all start from this position. Clive, the group leader and other members of the group are all on hand to help you. Most of us started with a simple, single-line kite and had it airborne within minutes of it being assembled and attached to the flying line for us. We were then able to marvel at how magical the experience of flying a kite can be (and how clever we were in keeping the kite in the air!)

I can't run

Fortunately, running is not required. Running with a kite is reserved for paintings of idyllic childhood adventures, television advertisements and over-enthusiastic children who haven't learnt this yet. Real kite flyers do not run...

I don't drive

There is a regular bus service (currently U4) that runs between Penzance bus station and Helston that stops near The Packet in Rosudgeon, just along the road from the flying site.

I can't stand for very long

A kite can be flown whilst seated (providing you have a suitable chair!). There is usually at least one folding canvas chair available for anyone who fancies a bit of a sit down. It is not uncommon, to see people flying kites from their mobility scooters, particularly at kite festivals.

Grown-ups don't fly kites

Kites have been used in many areas of scientific research including Benjamin Franklin's work on electricity, Frances Rogallo's development of the parawing for NASA and Domina Jalbert's Parafoil used by parachute display teams and kite surfers. You can rest assured that the members of the kite group all look grown-up (even though we are all children at heart).

I don't know where the group meets

The group meets at Rosudgeon playing fields every Thursday afternoon, weather permitting (i.e. providing it is not raining) from 14:30 to 16:30 and beyond.

I think I've changed my mind...

If any of the above has piqued your interest or you would like to know more please come along to the next session at Rosudgeon and Keneggy playing fields between 14:30 and 16:30 on (any) Thursday afternoon, (please give Clive a ring on 07470 396 230 so that he knows to look out for you). There is ample parking outside the cricket pavilion and on the flying field, the one used for parking on Wednesdays for Car Boot buyers. (TR20 9QE)